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SNAP!
SHAKE
SHAKE SHAKE
SHAKE IT, SHAKE IT, SHAKE IT--
-- SHAKE IT IN MY BOWL!
SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE
MMM--MM! FRUIT-A-ROOTY!
BARNEY!?! MY PEBBLES!!!
YANK!
--YOUR B-BOWL?!
POST FRUITY PEBBLES --THEY'RE YABBA-DABBA DELICIOUS!
Post Fruity PEBBLES
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UH-OH! THE GIG IS UP!
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DID ANYONE SEE WHERE MY TENNIS BALL WENT?
SORRY, GRANDMA, BUT WE WERE UPSIDE DOWN WHEN IT WENT BY!
OH, DEAR! THE SAME THING HAPPENS EVERY TIME I PLAY TENNIS!
ALL THE OTHER GRANDMOTHERS I KNOW ARE GOOD AT SOME SPORT...
...BUT I'LL NEVER BE A GOOD ATHLETE! I MAY AS WELL GIVE UP!
WAIT, GRANDMA! I HAVE AN IDEA!
?
HEATHCLIFF'S A GREAT ATHLETE! WHY DON'T YOU LET HIM COACH YOU?
DO YOU REALLY THINK HE WOULD HELP ME, IGGY!?
SURE! HE'D BE HAPPY TO!
WELL...THEN MAYBE I'LL GIVE IT ONE MORE TRY!
WAY TO GO, GRANDMA! WE'LL GET HEATHCLIFF'S COACHING UNIFORMS AND START RIGHT AWAY!
2

SOON...
OKAY, GRANDMA! WATCH HOW, HEATHCLIFF SERVES THE BALL!
COACH
WHACK!
VERY NICE!
COACH
NOW TRY TO DO EXACTLY WHAT HEATHCLIFF DID!
COACH
THAT SEEMS EASY ENOUGH!
COACH
WHACK!
HOW WONDERFUL! IT WENT RIGHT OVER THE NET!
THAT WAS GOOD, GRANDMA!
JUST TRY TO HOLD ON TO THE RACKET NEXT TIME!
COACH
I'M SORRY, HEATHCLIFF! WHY DON'T WE JUST FORGET ABOUT THE LESSONS!
GEE, GRANDMA, DON'T QUIT NOW!
COACH
HEATHCLIFF WANTS TO SHOW YOU HOW TO HIT A BALL BACK AND FORTH!
WELL, I'LL GIVE IT ONE MORE TRY!
COACH
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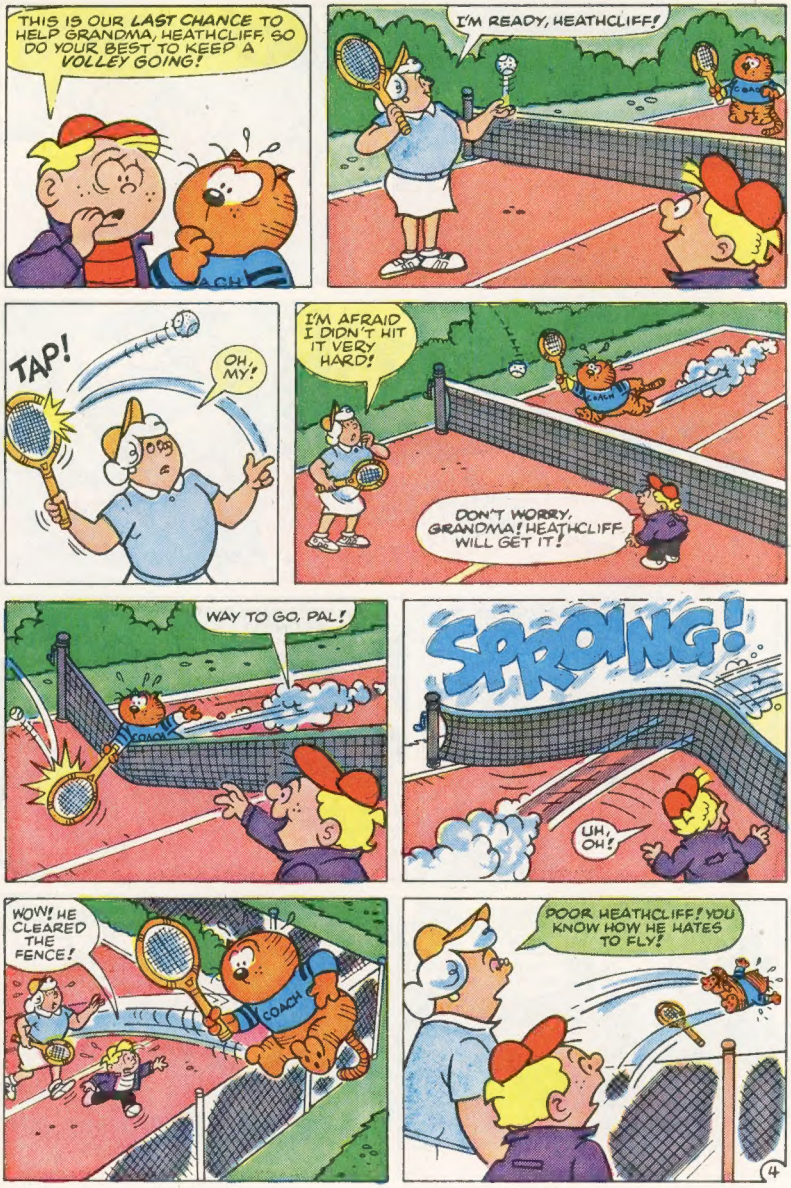
THIS IS OUR LAST CHANCE TO HELP GRANDMA, HEATHCLIFF, SO DO YOUR BEST TO KEEP A VOLLEY GOING!
I'M READY, HEATHCLIFF!
COACH
TAP!
OH, MY!
I'M AFRAID I DIDN'T HIT IT VERY HARD!
DON'T WORRY, GRANDMA! HEATHCLIFF WILL GET IT!
WAY TO GO, PAL!
SPROING!
UH, OH!
WOW! HE CLEARED THE FENCE!
POOR HEATHCLIFF! YOU KNOW HOW HE HATES TO FLY!
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MY CARRIAGE!
ARE YOU OKAY, PAL?
?
DON'T WORRY, I'LL GET IT!
OH, WOW! GRANDMA'S GOING AFTER THAT RUNAWAY BABY CARRIAGE!
!?
HEY! THAT'S MY SKATEBOARD!
PUFF! PUFF! I'M GETTING TOO TIRED TO CATCH UP TO IT!
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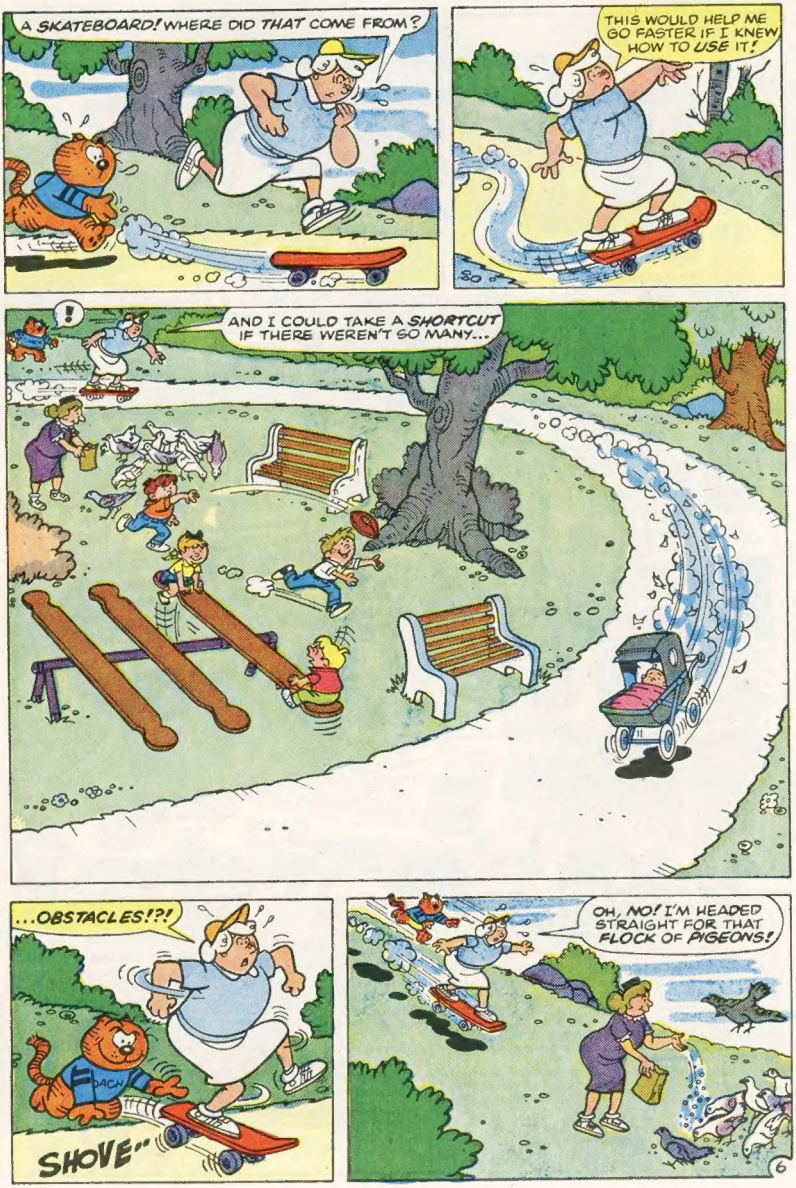
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THIS WOULD HELP ME GO FASTER IF I KNEW HOW TO USE IT!
!
AND I COULD TAKE A SHORTCUT IF THERE WEREN'T SO MANY...
...OBSTACLES!?!
SHOVE"
OH, NO! I'M HEADED STRAIGHT FOR THAT FLOCK OF PIGEONS!
6

LOOK OUT!
FLAP FLAP!
FLUTTER
FLAP!
FLAP!
COACH
WHEW! MISSED THEM!
OUT OF THE WAY, PLEASE!
!
OH, DEAR! I DIDN'T SEE THAT SEESAW!
!?!
COACH
HOW DID I DO THAT? I MUST BE GETTING GOOD AT THIS!
OOOF!
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DID YOU HAVE A NICE RIDE, SWEETIE?
FOR A GRANDMOTHER, YOU'RE QUITE AN ATHLETE!
WELL, I'VE NEVER REALLY BEEN GOOD AT SPORTS!
BUT I GUESS THERE'S A LOT A PERSON CAN DO IF SHE REALLY TRIES!
THAT'S RIGHT, GRANDMA!
COACH
THAT'S WHAT HEATHCLIFF AND I WERE TRYING TO TELL YOU!
COACH
LET'S WATCH HEATHCLIFF GIVE GRANDMA HER TENNIS LESSONS, WILLY!
OKAY! BUT I THOUGHT HEATHCLIFF HATED GIVING HER LESSONS!
CITY PARK
NOT SINCE HE GOT A NEW COACH'S UNIFORM!
BUT WHAT DIFFERENCE COULD A UNIFORM MAKE!?
HE MADE THIS ONE HIMSELF!
BAM!
CLANK!
THUNK!
CLANG!
THUNK!
THUNK!
THE END

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IN "THE CASE OF THE MISSING MACKEREL!"
FROM THE CASEBOOK OF IGGY NUTMEG, JUNIOR DETECTIVE, AND ASSISTANT TO HEATHCLIFF, P.I...
"IT WAS A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT WHEN I REACHED THE OFFICE OF MY BOSS, THE WORLD'S GREATEST DETECTIVE...
HEATHCLIFF P.I. PUSSYCAT INSTIGATOR
KNOCK! KNOCK!
DECESARE/POST/ROETTGER
I LET MYSELF IN AND FOUND HIM GRILLING A SUSPECT ABOUT SOME STOLEN CHEESE...
CITY DUMP
HEATHCLIFF P.I. PUSSYCAT INSTIGATOR
THE SUSPECT WAS ABOUT TO CONFESS WHEN THE PHONE RANG...
PHONE
RRING!
?
BRAAAK!
"SOMEONE HAD A BIG CASE FOR US TO SOLVE! WOULD WE TAKE IT!?
PHONE
1

THE BOSS WAS DOWN TO HIS LAST CAN OF YUMMY LUMPS! SO WE TOOK THE CASE!
EVERYBODY KNOWS THE BOSS, SO HE GOT US A QUICK RIDE!...
PHWEET!
SOMEHOW I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED A TAXI!!!
DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION
WE SOON ARRIVED AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME... NUTMEG MANOR!...
THE DOOR OPENED SLOWLY AND AN EERIE FIGURE APPEARED!
CREEEAK!
WE FIGURED IT WAS THE BUTLER, SO THE BOSS HANDED HIM HIS HAT AND COAT!
EXCEPT IT WASN'T THE BUTLER!...IT WAS THE RICH GUY WHO LIVED THERE!
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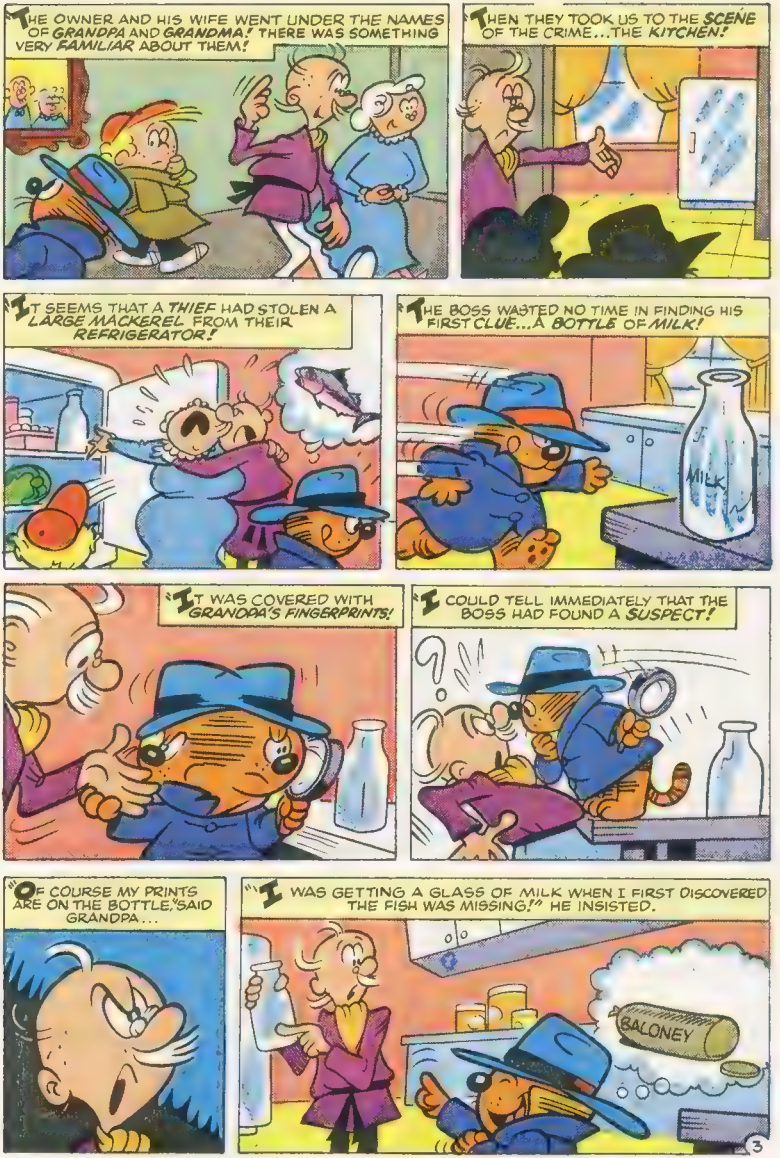
THE OWNER AND HIS WIFE WENT UNDER THE NAMES OF GRANDPA AND GRANDMA! THERE WAS SOMETHING VERY FAMILIAR ABOUT THEM!
THEN THEY TOOK US TO THE SCENE OF THE CRIME...THE KITCHEN!
IT SEEMS THAT A THIEF HAD STOLEN A LARGE MACKEREL FROM THEIR REFRIGERATOR!
THE BOSS WASTED NO TIME IN FINDING HIS FIRST CLUE...A BOTTLE OF MILK!
MILK
IT WAS COVERED WITH GRANDPA'S FINGERPRINTS!
I COULD TELL IMMEDIATELY THAT THE BOSS HAD FOUND A SUSPECT!
"OF COURSE MY PRINTS ARE ON THE BOTTLE," SAID GRANDPA...
"I WAS GETTING A GLASS OF MILK WHEN I FIRST DISCOVERED THE FISH WAS MISSING!" HE INSISTED.
BALONEY
3

THE BOSS DECIDED TO HOLD ON TO THE EVIDENCE!
SUDDENLY, I SPOTTED AN OPENED WINDOW! THE THIEF MUST HAVE GONE THROUGH IT!
THE BOSS INSISTED THAT WE FOLLOW THE CULPRIT'S TRAIL...STEP BY STEP! IT WASN'T EASY FOR GRANDMA!
THE TRAIL LED OVER FENCES AND THROUGH BACK ALLEYS...
AND STRAIGHT TO THE LOCAL FISH STORE!!
FRESH FISH
IT WAS CLOSED FOR THE NIGHT!!
CLOSED
LUCKILY, THE OWNER WAS A FRIEND OF THE BOSS!
HE GREETED US WITH A POT OF FLOWERS AND LET US LOOK AROUND!
WHOMP!
4

WITH HIS KEEN EYES, THE BOSS DISCOVERED ANOTHER CLUB...A THEATER TICKET!
GRANDMA REMEMBERED THAT SHE HAD LOST A TICKET YEARS AGO!
NOW THE BOSS HAD TWO SUSPECTS! BUT WHICH ONE TOOK THE MACKEREL?
JUST THEN THE FISH STORE OWNER CAME DOWN TO SAY HELLO!
ROWF!
THE BOSS DECIDED TO FOLLOW THE THIEF'S TRAIL AGAIN!
SCRAM!
ONCE THE BOSS GOT GOING ON A JOB, IT WAS HARD TO STOP HIM!
WE REACHED THE OLD FISHING PIER AND THE BOSS KNEW WE HAD COME TO THE END OF OUR TRAIL!
BAIT
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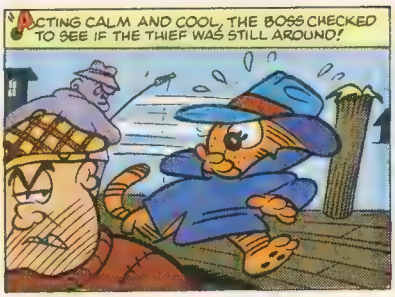
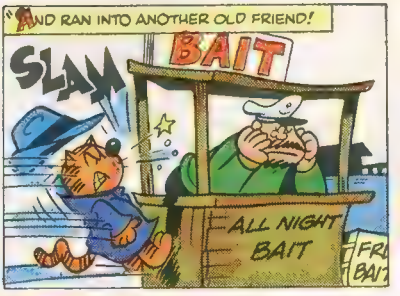
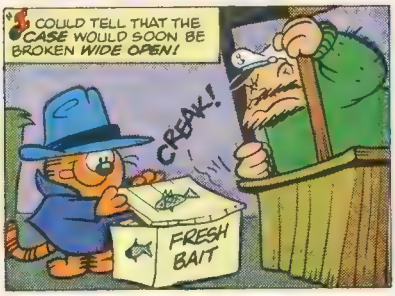
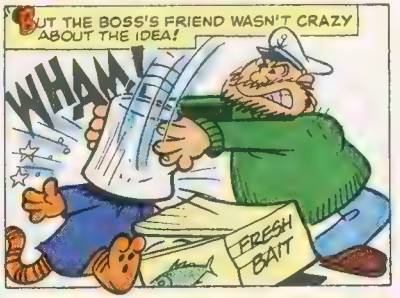
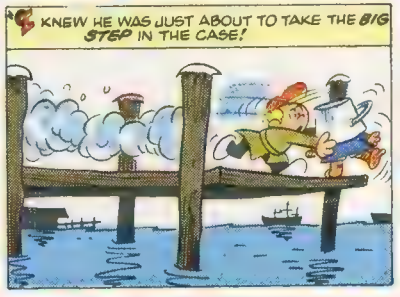

ACTING CALM AND COOL, THE BOSS CHECKED TO SEE IF THE THIEF WAS STILL AROUND!

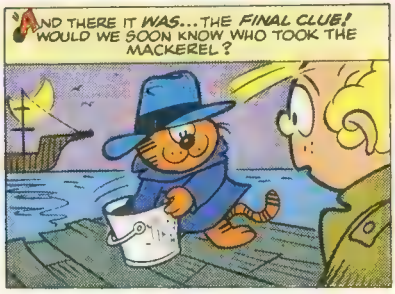

AND RAN INTO ANOTHER OLD FRIEND!
SLAM
BAIT
ALL NIGHT BAIT

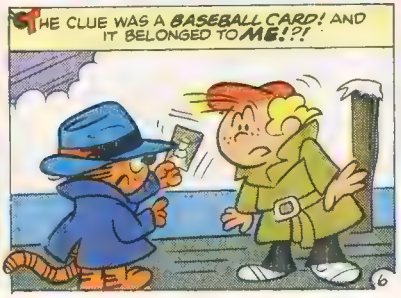

COULD TELL THAT THE CASE WOULD SOON BE BROKEN WIDE OPEN!
CREAK!
FRESH BAIT


BUT THE BOSS'S FRIEND WASN'T CRAZY ABOUT THE IDEA!
WHAM!
FRESH BAIT

COULDN'T WAIT TO FIND OUT WHAT THE BOSS HAD DISCOVERED!


KNEW HE WAS JUST ABOUT TO TAKE THE BIG STEP IN THE CASE!


AND THERE IT WAS... THE FINAL CLUE! WOULD WE SOON KNOW WHO TOOK THE MACKEREL?


THE CLUE WAS A BASEBALL CARD! AND IT BELONGED TO ME!?!
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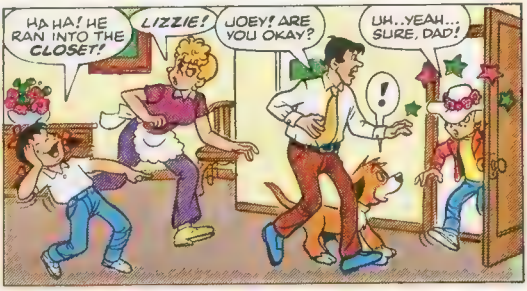
WAIT, BOSS," I SAID, "THIS IS A CARD OF YOUR FAVORITE PLAYER!"
TIGER MCGEE
N.Y. TOMCATS
AND THIS ISN'T A THEATER TICKET YOU FOUND," SAID GRANDMA, "IT'S A TICKET TO THE CAT SHOW!"
CAT SHOW
AND LET'S SEE THAT BOTTLE OF MILK YOU'RE HOLDING," SAID GRANDPA! "AH-HAH! NOW IT'S EMPTY!"
EVERY CLUE LED TO ONLY ONE CONCLUSION, HEATHCLIFF!!"
STOP! THIEF!
COME BACK, HEATHCLIFF!
OH, WOW! GO BACK TO BED, HEATHCLIFF, I WAS JUST HAVING A BAD DREAM...
...ALL ABOUT THE BIG MACKEREL I CAUGHT TODAY!
URP!
YEAH! GOOD NIGHT TO YOU, TOO, HEATHCLIFF!
THE END

TOP DOG
HOW TO BE PUP-ULAR!
JOEY!
JOEY!
ARF!
CAN'T STOP, FOLKS! GOTTA GET TO SCHOOL!
DECESARE/KREMER/ROETTCHER

CRASH!


HA HA! HE RAN INTO THE CLOSET!
LIZZIE!
JOEY! ARE YOU OKAY?
UH..YEAH.., SURE, DAD!
!

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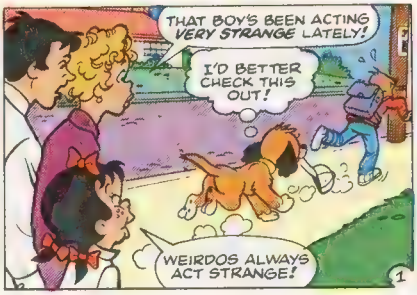
YIPES! I'D BETTER HURRY!


THAT BOY'S BEEN ACTING VERY STRANGE LATELY!
I'D BETTER CHECK THIS OUT!
WEIRDOS ALWAYS ACT STRANGE!
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OHH..ER... YEAH...SURE. THANKS!
EVERYTHING'S JUST FINE, TOP DOG! YOU CAN GO HOME NOW!
OKAY, JOEY! I'LL SEE YOU...
BOING!
...LATER?
SCHOOL
HI, JOEY!
UH...H.H..HI..UH... K-K-K-KIMBERLY... HEH HEH...UH...
I'M GLAD EVERYTHING'S FINE, JOEY, BUT WHY ARE YOU WEARING THAT BOOK ON YOUR HEAD?
:SIGH!:
I THINK YOU HAVE A SLIGHT CRUSH ON THAT GIRL!
YEAH, BUT SO WHAT? EVERY TIME I TRY TALKING TO HER I BECOME A NERVOUS WRECK!
I'D BETTER GET TO CLASS!
AND I THINK I'D BETTER DO A LITTLE RESEARCH!
WOOF!
LOOK, KIM! JOEY JORDAN'S PUP, TOP DOG!
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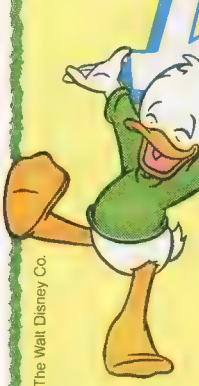

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WELL... THAT'S GOOD NEWS!
IT'S TOO BAD JOEY'S SO SHY! HE'LL NEVER ASK ME TO THE SCHOOL DANCE!
?!
NO WAY!
I GUESS I'LL GO WITH WHOEVER ASKS ME FIRST!
ME, TOO! BOYS ARE SO GOOFY!
HMM! JOEY DOES LOOK KINDA GOOFY TODAY!
HEY, JOEY, GUESS WHAT!?
UH... EARTH TO JOEY! EARTH TO JOEY! DO YOU READ ME?
BONK!
WAIT! MAYBE JOEY COULD TALK TO KIMBERLY IF THEY WEREN'T FACE TO FACE!
LATER...
DO YOU REALLY THINK KIMBERLY WILL GO TO THE DANCE WITH ME?
SURE JOEY! JUST GIVE HER A CALL!
YOU DO A GOOD IMITATION OF ME, TOP DOG! WHY DON'T YOU CALL HER!?
WELL... ALL RIGHT! BUT JUST THIS ONCE!
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NOW PAY ATTENTION AND I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO TALK TO GIRLS!
THANKS, PAL!
YO, KIM! THIS IS JOEY JORDAN! I'M LOOKING FOR A FOXY BABE TO TAKE TO THE SCHOOL DANCE! MAYBE YOU'LL BE THE LUCKY ONE!
THIS IS THE OLD "FOX"! KIM'S FATHER! MAYBE YOU'LL BE THE LUCKY ONE AND NOT LET ME CATCH YOU AROUND HERE...WISE GUY!
SLAM!
UH...THIS IS THE KIND OF THING YOU REALLY HAVE TO DO IN PERSON!
GULP!
SOON...
UH...IF KIM'S FATHER ANSWERS THE DOOR, TELL HIM YOUR NAME IS CALVIN SHICKLEMUNSTER!
BUT WHY?
HI, JOEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
K-K-KIMBERLY!!
!
N-NOW WHAT??
LISTEN, JOEY! JUST REPEAT EVERYTHING I SAY!
HI, BEAUTIFUL!

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My hobbies are: Bird watching, butterfly collecting, driving steam locomotives at full throttle across trackless wastes.
The single work of which I am most proud is: My five year stint in the Marvel Bullpen
My pet peeves are: Lateness, graffiti, litterbugs and lousy drivers
My place of birth is. Approximately five hundred miles south of Savannah, Georgia
My greatest accomplishment outside the comics field is: Securing the undying love and affection of my darling wife Arno
My oddest habit is: Sleep-jogging
If they were making a movie of my life, I'd like to see my part played by: Will Wheaton and George Carlin

The reason I got into comics was: Danny Crespi taught me to letter and Sid Jacobson gave me work
People who knew me in High School thought I was: A wise-cracking punk who drew lots of "funny pictures"
My favorite performers are Ravi Shankar, Joan Baez, Bob Dylan, Garrison Keillor
The last good book I read was: "Anomalies and Curiosities of Modern Medicine."
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The biggest influences on my work include: Kliban, Elder, Wilson Wood, Adams, Kurtzman, Davis, Engels, Herriman, Berg, Woodbridge, Crumb, Shelton, Salierup, Steinberg and Schwartzberg (Special thanks to Mom, Dad and Captain Kangaroo)
My greatest unfulfilled ambition in the comics field is. To get Jack Abel to finish inking a page I drew for him over five years ago
The worst part of my job is. Getting rid of the bodies
When nobody's looking I like to: Sneak into editors' offices and erase entire issues of John Byrne art
The one thing I really want the world to know about me is: "You see that guy over there...? He used to letter PRINCE VALIANT!"

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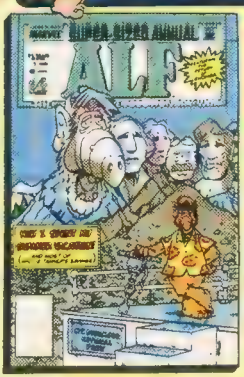

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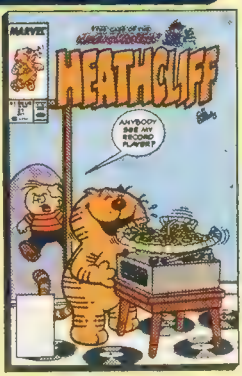

UH...UH...UH..H.H.HI... B-B-BEAUTIFUL!
I'VE SEEN SOME FINE LADIES BUT YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY THE MOST...
I-I'VE SEEN SOME F-FINE LADIES, B-BUT YOU ARE... UH...ABSOLUTELY T-THE M-MOST!
ULP! KIM'S FATHER!!
WOOF?
WOOF!
OOPS! SORRY ABOUT THAT! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
WAIT! WHAT DO I SAY NEXT?
I GOT TO FIND A WAY TO SIDE TRACK THIS GUY!
I'LL TRY THE "LITTLE LOST DOGGIE" LOOK!
WHIMPER WHIMPER!
HMPH! HE MUST BE IN LOVE, TOO!
WHAT TH...
NO ONE CAN RESIST THE PLAYFUL PUP!
ROWF!
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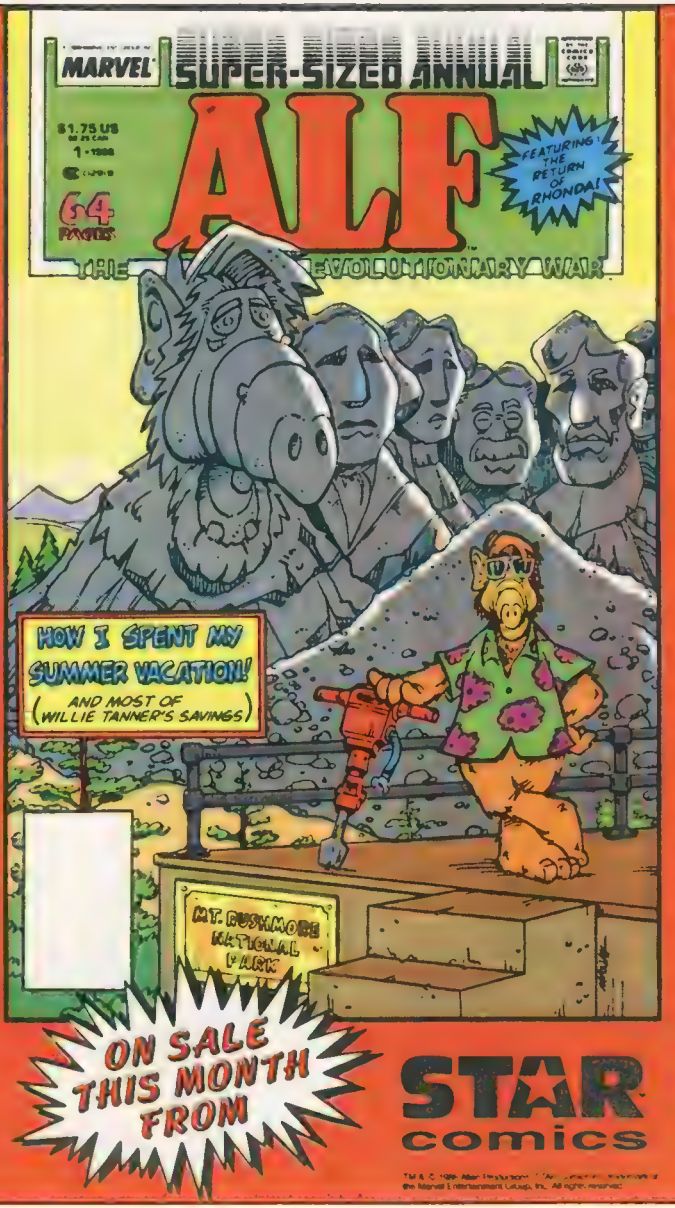
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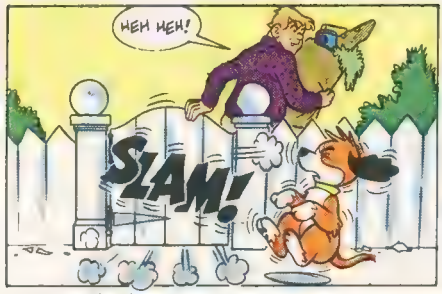
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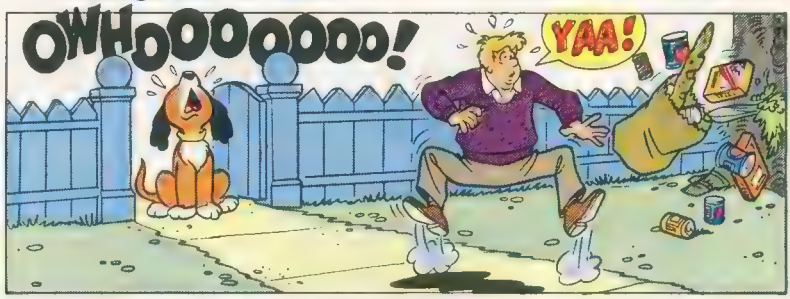
SLAM!

THERE'S ONE OTHER WAY I KNOW TO GET HIS ATTENTION!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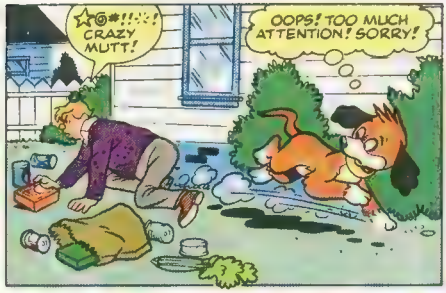
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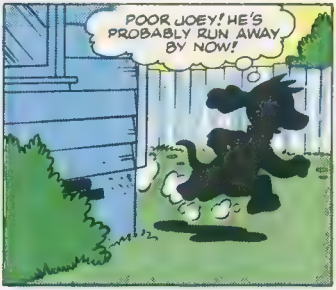
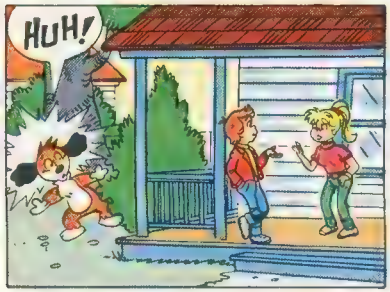
CRAZY MUTT!
OOPS! TOO MUCH ATTENTION! SORRY!


POOR JOEY! HE'S PROBABLY RUN AWAY BY NOW!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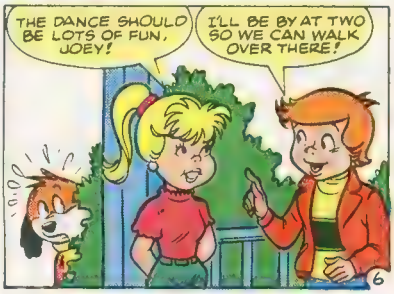
THE DANCE SHOULD BE LOTS OF FUN, JOEY!
I'LL BE BY AT TWO SO WE CAN WALK OVER THERE!
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SEE YOU AT SCHOOL TOMORROW, KIM!
BYE, JOEY!
THANKS, TOP DOG! THAT WAS A GREAT IDEA YOU HAD LEAVING ME ALONE!
IT WAS?
SURE! AND IT WORKED! I HAD TO TALK TO KIMBERLY, EVEN THOUGH I WAS NERVOUS...
...AND SHE LIKES ME ANYWAY! YAHOOO!
I WON'T TELL HIM IF YOU WON'T!
A FEW DAYS LATER...
HOW DID THE DANCE GO, JOEY?
GREAT, TOP DOG! I HAD A FANTASTIC TIME!
DID YOU GET TO USE ANY OF THOSE DANCE STEPS I TAUGHT YOU?
YEAH! AND I DID THEM PRETTY GOOD!
UH...EXCEPT FOR ONE TIME WHEN THE KIDS ALL LAUGHED AT ME!
THEY DID! WHEN WAS THAT?
WHEN I DID THIS STEP!
SCRATCH! SCRATCH!
VERY FUNNY, JOEY! VERY FUNNY!
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Dear Heathcliff,

I am 11 and I like reading HEATHCLIFF and HEATHCLIFF'S FUNHOUSE since they came out. I like cats but I like you best of all.

Kevin Yee Leung
New York, NY

Kevin, it's great that you've been reading HEATHCLIFF since they first came out — because we've been making them for at least as long, and we like to make sure we're not the only ones laughing our socks off. Good socks are so hard to come by these days. Maybe that's why Heathcliff goes around bare-pawed so often . . .

Dear Heathcliff and STAR,

I think Heathcliff and I have a lot of things in common. We are both trouble-makers.

Alejandro Sevilla
Sacramento, CA

We think Heathcliff has a lot in common with just about everyone. Like Alejandro, Heathcliff loves to make trouble, and like Kevin, Heathcliff loves cats (some of his best friends are cats, right Sonja?), and like Spike, Heathcliff . . . well, uh, like Spike Heathcliff has two ears and a tail. I guess that's as far as the similarities go *there*.

Dear HEATHCLIFF,

I love your comics and your stories. I get the comics every month. I wish you would make a story where Heathcliff, Top Dog and the Vice Mice gang up on some crooks. Keep beating Spike. I love you Heathcliff!

Aric Carper
Springfield, OH

Okay Aric, Heathcliff's started beating up Spike again (for the fourth time this week)and since you're such a loyal fan, he's decided to go for the marathon record — he'll keep fighting until your next letter. Write soon, okay? The dog you save may be your own.

Dear Heathcliff,

I hope you keep making your comics, because I like reading them. I especially like Iggy — I think I am like him, sometimes.

Rich Rice
Laurel, MD

Hey Rich, we hope you keep reading HEATHCLIFF comics, because we like making them!

Dear STAR,

Since Top Dog came back to Joey, can you bring the TOP DOG comic book back? I like Heathcliff and Top Dog. I have all the issues of HEATHCLIFF'S FUNHOUSE. How old is Heathcliff in human years?

Nicky Distler
Georgetown, NY

Gee Nicky, that's hard to say — Heathcliff has never lived in human years, just cat years. As for Top Dog coming back, you know it's hard to keep a Top Dog on the bottom for long, so who are we to argue? Look in every month's issue of HEATHCLIFF for a Top Dog story!

Dear Heathcliff,

I'm an avid reader of HEATHCLIFF comic books. I just got my first issue of my subscription. "Heathcliff vs. Muscle Mouse" was awesome. I wish you would put Spike in more HEATHCLIFF comics. I really love STAR comics. Keep up the great work!! Tell Heathcliff that he is a real hip dude!!

Chuck Taylor
Richmond Hts, OH

More Spike? Believe us, Chuck, we don't think Spike is going to be in any condition to do more than guest star now and then after this marathon match with Heathcliff. (Aric? Are you writing?) By the way thanks for calling Heathcliff a hip dude — though we think he likes to think of himself as a real hep cat!

Dear Heathcliff,

Yesterday I got HEATHCLIFF and it was great. Heathcliff will you answer me soon so that my friends will knew that I wrote you?

Justin Su
Hoodriver, OR

Heathcliff's a little tied up now, Justin, so maybe an answer in this column will do. Don't worry though — Spike's bound to untie him soon. Just as soon as he promises not to go for anymore marathon-mauling matches, with Spike playing the part of his favorite scratching post! Ouch!

Dear Heathcliff and STAR,

I just wanted to say hello. Sorry I couldn't find a fish around the house to send you! I wish I could live right next door to a cat just like you. I think it would be neat if Heathcliff and that thing called a dog would get into a boxing match.

Chris Brakhage
Seymour, MO

Oh no, not again!

Dear Star,

I just recently picked up HEATHCLIFF'S FUNHOUSE #7 and as usual, that furry feline is up to his catty tricks.

I especially loved him in "The Nutmeg Family Album" story. He sure looked cute as a kitty. Please have them pull out the photos more often. In any case, here's to you folks at STAR Comics. You're doing a marvelous job. Keep it up!

Steven Acevedo
Bronx, NY

There's a good chance we'll be seeing more of the Nutmegs Album in the not-too-distant future, Steven, though the supply of photographs from Heathcliff's kitten-hood is certainly limited. The only ones that made it into the photo album were those that didn't get soaked, burned, run over or blown up in the camera while the photographer was recording Heathcliff's wild antics! But if you think all that's bad, wait until you see the home movies!

Dear Heathcliff,

I love your comic. I think Heathcliff and the Muppet Babies should meet. Tell Iggy I said "Hi"! I also have a cousin that likes Heathcliff.

Jason Hoagland

Iggy says 'Hi' right back — you've got a lot in common it seems. You've got a cousin who likes Heathcliff, and he's got a friend who *is* Heathcliff! Small world, huh? By the way, *who* do you think Heathcliff and the Muppet Babies should meet?

Dear Heathcliff,

I really love your books. I have 24 copies. Will you make a story where Heathcliff goes into the future? I've drawn lots of pictures of Heathcliff.

Beth McMullen
Camp Hill, PA

We'd like to do a story about Heathcliff going into the future Beth, but it hasn't happened yet — and when it does, it'll be part of the past — so we're a bit stuck in a time loop there! Do you go forward into the past, or back to the future?

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Kevin Yee Leung
New York, NY

So does Heathcliff. In fact, some of his best friends are cats, and he's *still* his favorite!

Dear Heathcliff,

I'm only 10 years old. I have one of your comic books. I like all the stories in it. I would like more.

Durelle Parker
Huntsville, AL

Two books a month aren't enough for you Durelle? Gee, he's getting into as much trouble as he can! But for you, maybe he'll try a little harder — do you know any good fish markets in your neighborhood?

Dear STAR,

I've got 23 comic books, and 13 of them are HEATHCLIFF. I love Heathcliff a lot. Have you ever tried making Heathcliff stuffed animals? I think you should.

Brooke Bacon
Fremont, MI

13 out of 23? Not a bad ratio! Of course, you know Heathcliff — he'll keep working at giving you the most mayhem for your money until your comic collection overflows with a cacophony of kitty-cats! As for the stuffed animal idea, Iggy did once make Heathcliff a stuffed mouse, but it didn't last very long, and it wasn't a pretty sight to behold. That *is* what you meant wasn't it?

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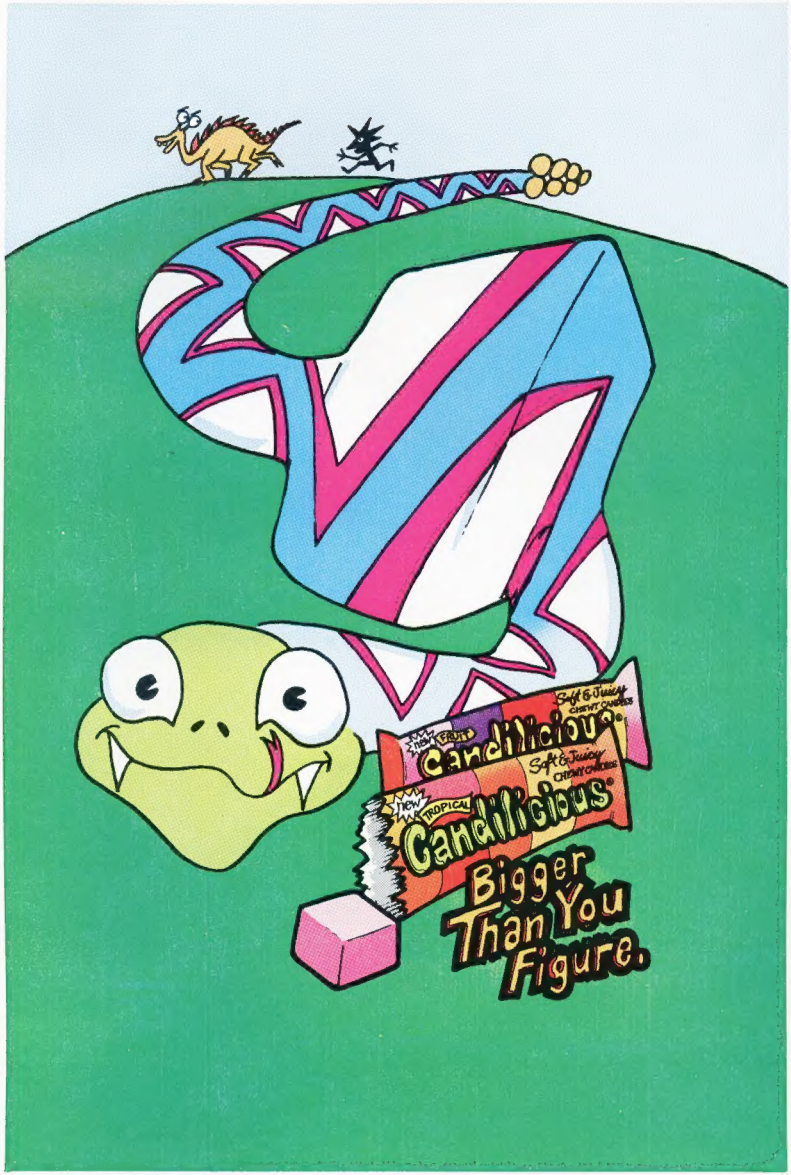
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